Notification dated 1st June 1907.

It is hereby notified for general information that the contract for lac cultivation in the undermentioned State Forests of the Tumkur District, during the years 1907-10, *i. e.*, from 1st July 1907 to 30th June 1910, will be sold by public auction at 12 noon on Tuesday the 25th June 1907.

State Forests.

1. Manchaldore.
2. Tirtharampura.

The highest bidder shall, immediately after the close of the sale, pay a deposit of one-sixth of the contract amount in cash or currency notes. If he fails to do so, the contract will be re-sold at once at his risk and he will forfeit all gain and be liable for any loss that may arise from re-sale.

3. The sale shall be subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer, who reserves to himself the power of accepting or rejecting any bid without assigning any reason for doing so.

4. The successful bidder shall, within three days after the confirmation of the sale is intimated to him, pay into the Treasury one-third of the contract amount, including the deposit, plus local cess of one anna per rupee on this sum. Should he fail to do so, the deposit will be forfeited and the contract will be re-sold by the officer conducting the sale.

5. The sale effected under the above para will be at the risk of the defaulting bidder who will forfeit all gain and in the event of a loss by such re-sale shall make good the deficiency between the total amount payable by him for the whole period under the terms of the original sale and the total amount payable by the successful bidder at the re-sale. If the deficit amount be not paid on demand it will be liable to be recovered as arrears of revenue.

The contractor shall sign an agreement binding himself to observe such conditions as are laid down by the District Forest Officer, and it should be executed within one week from the date on which confirmation of the sale is intimated to him; in default, the deposit will be forfeited and the right re-sold.

The balance of the contract amount with local cess of one anna per rupee on this sum shall be paid in two instalments, before the end of June 1908 and June 1909. In the event of this amount not being paid, the right to collect lac will be stopped and the whole of the balance of the lease amount and local cess will be recovered as arrears of revenue.

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Dt. Forest Officer, Tumkur.

EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

SALE OF DRUG SHOPS FOR 1907-08.

Notice No. 4367, dated 4th June 1907.

1. Notice is hereby given that the exclusive privilege of selling intoxicating drugs in each of the scheduled shops for the twelve months beginning with 1st July 1907 and ending with 30th June 1908, will be put up to public auction by the Deputy Commissioners or other officers deputed by them, at the respective taluk or sub-taluk head-quarters, on the dates which will be notified by the Deputy Commissioners, subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Each bidder at the auction will deposit a sum of Rs. 5, or such other reasonable amount as may be fixed by the officer conducting the sale, previous to bidding, provided that the Government may at any time dispense with such initial deposit. Each shop will be knocked down to the approved highest bidder, subject to formal confirmation by the Deputy Commissioner, who will be at liberty to accept or reject the bid at discretion without assigning reasons for the same. Such formal confirmation will, *unless revised by Government*, be tantamount to an acceptance of the bid. Parties intending to bid must attend either in person or by duly accredited agents. No shop shall be knocked down in the name of more than one person or of more than one company or firm duly represented. The selling officer shall refuse to register as purchaser any one in whose name the bidding has not proceeded.

3. As soon as the auction is completed, the deposits made by the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. As the auction proceeds, the person whose bid is accepted for each shop shall at once deposit a sum equal to $\frac{5}{6}$ths of a month's rent for that shop. Should he fail to do so, the deposit made by him under para 2 will be forfeited, the shop will at once be put up again on the above conditions, and he will be debarred from bidding again for the same or for any other shop.